



IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of: Fine et al.) Attorney Docket No.: AKT-053.02
Serial No.: 09/787,325) Group Art Unit: 1617
Filed: June 4, 2001) Examiner: Criares, T.J.
For: *Combinations of Chromium or Vanadium*)
with Antidiabetics for Glucose)
Metabolism Diseases)

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AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE

Dear Sir:

Applicants respectfully thank the Examiner for his helpful comments during the telephonic interview of December 2, 2003. We appreciate your consideration of this case.

In response to the Office Action, mailed June 3, 2003, in the above-identified application, Applicants submit the following amendments and remarks. Further, Applicants have submitted concurrently herewith a Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement. The deadline for filing this response has been extended by the accompanying petition for a three-month extension of time and associated fee.

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.121(c)(1), please amend claims 99, 103 and 115. Please cancel without prejudice claims 97, 98, 100, 101, 103-114, and 116-133 as withdrawn.